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Bosnian Serb military chief Mladic appears in court

BELGRADE, Serbia (AFP) – Former Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic appeared in court yesterday, hours after Serbia ended a 16-year man-hunt for the general accused of masterminding the 1995 Srebrenica massacre.

Europe's most-wanted man was arrested in the early hours of yesterday in a village in northern Serbia, but there were immediately questions over whether 69-year-old Mladic was fit to stand trial.

Serbian President Boris Tadic announced Serbian security forces had captured Mladic and predicted his arrest would foster reconciliation within the war-torn Balkans.

"Today, early in the morning, we arrested Ratko Mladic," he told reporters.

"The extradition process is under way," he added, referring to the process to transfer



Ratko Mladic

Mladic to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), a UN tribunal based in The Hague.

The indictment against him specifically cites the establishment of camps and detention

centers for Bosnian Muslims as part of a campaign of ethnic cleansing during the 1990s war, as well as the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre and the 44-month siege of Sarajevo.

At Srebrenica, which had been under nominal UN protection, 8,000 Muslim men and boys were rounded up and massacred in Europe's worst atrocity since World War II.

Mladic's first appearance before the Serbian war crimes court yesterday was halted as his lawyer said the former Bosnian Serb army chief was unable to communicate.

"The investigative judge tried to question Ratko Mladic but he failed because he (Mladic) is in a difficult psychological and physical condition," lawyer Milos Saljic told reporters.

"It is difficult to establish any kind of communication with him," he said, adding that Mladic had however confirmed his identity.

Deputy war crimes prosecutor Bruno Vekaric confirmed the hearing was stopped but refused to comment on the reasons, and disputed the assessment that Mladic was unable to answer simple questions.

Vekaric had earlier said it could take up to seven days before Mladic is handed over to the ICTY.

Mladic is to undergo further medical evaluations and doctors are to report today whether Mladic is capable of appearing in court, said Saljic, who added he believed the former general is fit to be transferred to The Hague.

Mladic, the ICTY's most wanted fugitive, faces charges of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes for his role in the Srebrenica massacre and the bloody siege of Sarajevo during the 1992-95 conflict.

Tadic would not say how and where Mladic was arrested other than that he was captured on Serbian soil.

GasUnie in a joint venture with Valero and WEB will reduce the cost of electricity, according to Stijn Janssen



Stijn Janssen from the Netherlands is one of the persons involved in the big project of GasUnie in the conversion of fuel oil to gas for Aruba.

He presented an eloquent discourse at the Nieuwpoort meeting just recently as he explained how the use of durable energy will lower the high consumption of electricity on Aruba.

The price of energy is too high in Aruba. Together with GasUnie the government is in search of ways to solve this matter. Our tourism industry consumes a great deal of energy, this results in us having to import Diesel. As a result of the high global cost of fuel, the price of electricity production rises enormously. In addition to this the CO2 emissions also continues to rise, which in effect is very bad for our environment.

The result of all of this translates into a high cost of living for everyone here.

The Aruban government has a clear vision with respect to energy. It is a rather simple vision. Energy must be cheaper, cleaner, more efficient and sustainable. The government has set a target to reduce the utility tariffs. CO2 emissions must be controllable, we must reduce the consumption of heavy petroleum and we

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Me, and the lovely N.E. Patriots Cheerleaders



You never know who, you might meet in Aruba.... Photo above shows Adam Steinfeld, and the lovely N.E. Patriots Cheerleaders girls in town this week to shoot the new, 2011 swimsuit beach calendar.

Editor's note: In Thursday's paper we mistakenly published the team's name, N.Y Jets instead of N.E. Patriots. Our sincere apologies.

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AFP PHOTO

Missouri town says 232 missing after tornado

JOPLIN, Missouri (AFP) — Officials Thursday said 232 people were still missing four days after a tornado tore through a Missouri town, and had only managed to identify one of the 125 bodies found in the storm's wake.

Some of the missing from Sunday's disaster in Joplin may be among the unidentified remains being stored in a hastily constructed mass morgue.

But officials pleaded with anxious family members for



patience while they undertake a lengthy identification process involving DNA testing and fingerprinting.

"The 232, we can't presume that all of those are deceased," Andrea Spiller, Missouri's deputy director of public safety, told reporters.

Some may simply have failed to contact anxious friends and family. There may also still be people trapped in the rubble who have not been officially reported missing, Spiller cautioned.

Asked why families were not being allowed into the morgue to visually identify their loved ones, she replied: "It is not 100 percent accurate, and 100 percent accurate is our goal."

In what is one of the worst tornado seasons on record after a series of twisters killed hundreds in southern US states last month, Sunday's was the deadliest single tornado to strike America in six decades.

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Mexico drug gang fighting sets off exodus: mayor

MORELIA, (AFP) - Almost 2,000 people have fled their homes in Mexico's western state of Michoacan due to fighting between local drug gangs and with security forces.

Some 1,870 inhabitants of five villages near Buenavista municipality have left their homes since the fighting started four days ago, Buenavista mayor Osvaldo Esquivel Lucatero told AFP by telephone.

The army sent in helicopters to the isolated areas of the western state, where locals reported loud explosions.

"There's now a strong pres-

ence of soldiers and marines in the area," a military spokesman said.

Despite the intensity of the fighting, only one corpse, of an alleged drug gang hitman, has been recovered, along with six guns. Local newspapers reported at least three dead, however.

Authorities set up a refuge for the families in Buenavista, in at least the second exodus due to drug violence in less than a year, after several hundred people fled their homes in Ciudad Mier, northeast Mexico, last November.

The La Familia drug gang dominates Michoacan, but it

was unclear whether the clashes were due to infighting within the gang or with other groups, such as the Zetas, which are expanding across Mexico.

Meanwhile, the toll from a major drug gang clash on a highway Wednesday in Nayarit, a Pacific state some 300 miles (500 kilometers) north, rose by one to 29, according to authorities Thursday.

Mexico has seen an explosion in drug-related violence which has left some 37,000 dead, according to media reports, since the government launched a military crackdown on organized crime in 2006.





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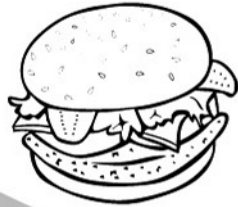
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Aruba developing strong economic ties



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba received high praise and accolades for the presentations offered at Nieuwspoor to GasUnie, Schiphol, Rietveld Academie and External Relations. The positive responses surpassed all expectations! Members of the Permanent Commission of the Eerste and

Tweede Kamer (first and second Houses of the Dutch Chamber of Parliament) showed great enthusiasm for the information they received. Business entrepreneurs and others present during the presentations were very impressed. Every presentation was to the point and very prac-

tical. Without any exception all responses were extremely positive.

Now, the Schiphol Group is prepared to co-manage the Aruba airport. TNO is opening a center of learning on alternative energy in Aruba, GasUnie is providing their expertise and cooperation to convert fuel oil into gas, and students of the prestigious Rietveld Academy will shortly be able to pursue art classes here in Aruba. All of this is as a result of the confidence in Aruba that the government has created. Because of our strategic position, Aruba is a gateway. Holland and Europe can easily access the growing economies of Brazil and Colombia via Aruba.

In a packed auditorium, Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman shared how Aruba is working diligently on common goals within the Dutch Kingdom and how the government's vision is to work constructively with the Dutch Kingdom. Aruba considers the Dutch Kingdom and the European Union our strategic partners.

The various companies, namely: GasUnie, Schiphol Group, Rietveld Academy, TNO and the Office of External Relations indicated the reasons they chose to work with Aruba. Among those reasons are the benefits for the island and for the company or institution they represent and how cooperation with Aruba will serve their major goals.

At the end of the presenta-



tion the Aruba Prime Minister entertained a question and answers session, and then thanked everyone for their collaboration, attention and interest, and he expressed the hope

that soon other companies and institutions will also find their way to Aruba. After this presentation everyone now has a much more positive image of Aruba.

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The Chamber of Commerce is delighted to have companies from Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, the US and Colombia participating. News innovator 24Ora.com and Aruba Social Media, on-line media specialist, are the major sponsors of this great event.

What can you expect at the Expo?

Come and experience the introduction of new products and services, the best products of the EPI Science Fair, the presentation of new innovative products and services. Main sponsor, 24Ora.com will provide live streaming of the event on their website. Aruba Social Media will film visitors of the event to post this film as a video on YouTube later on. This video will also be available at the Chamber of Commerce after the event. And, it goes without saying that there will be different interesting door



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Who are all the exhibitors?

To find out who the international exhibitors will be, visit the Chamber's website: www.arubachamber.com to see these companies and find their booth locations. At the

same time you can note the schedule of the presentations to be given by, among others, Medwork, Profidd, Adapted Happy Wheels, Hites, KR Global, Office Systems, Aruba Free Zone, Twinfield, Aruba Software Application

and the University of Aruba.

Entrance fee:

The entrance fee is a nominal Afls.5. Children up to 12 years of age and students will be charged Afls.2.50. Companies interested in purchasing tickets for employees or

for clients should go to the offices of the Chamber of Commerce to purchase these in advance. Or, one can also make contact with the Chamber by calling tel. 582-1566 or via their facebook page, www.facebook.com/arubachamber.

To keep abreast of all the developments regarding the Expo, add the Chamber to your facebook, so you can be readily updated with all information.

The slot machines at Crystal Casino are running loose

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The list of happy winners keeps on growing at the Crystal Casino. This time it is Orlando Lim Apo who won US\$ 5,000. He could not believe his luck; he merely invested US\$ 20 and played the machines for 5 minutes when he hit the 3 x 10 combination. Photo shows Mr. Lim Apo receiving his check from Casino Manager Marianne Croes.



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The man from Curaçao is a virtual musical centipede, having been in show business since he was 7 years old. During that time he played the mandolin; a weekly Saturday show on television made him a local tv star. With his four brothers Juni traveled throughout South America, performing in television programs. They were called 'Tipico Juliet'.

By the time he was 11, Juni started singing, playing the guitar, bass guitar, piano, organ and percussion.

In 1977 he went solo, attending various prestigious festivals and winning prizes. Nowadays he is active as a singer and piano player, drawing large audiences wherever he goes. His voice is mesmerizing.

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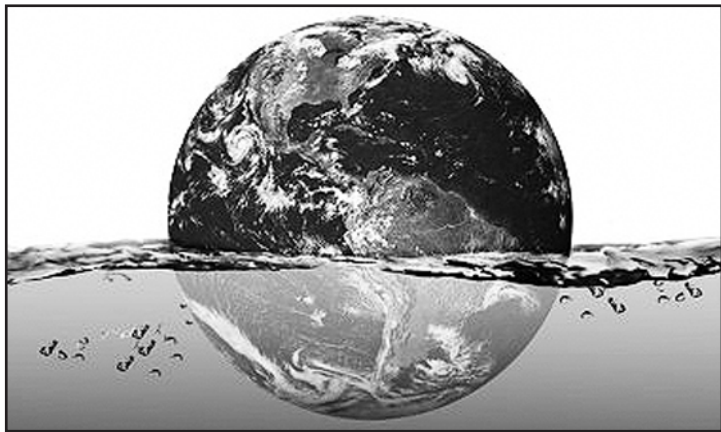
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Sea levels set to rise by up to a metre: report



SYDNEY (AFP) - Sea levels are set to rise by up to a metre within a century due to global warming, a new Australian report said this week as it warned this could make "once-a-century" coastal flooding much more common.

The government's first Climate Commission report said the evidence that the Earth's surface was warming rapidly was beyond doubt.

Drawn from the most up-to-date climate science from around the world, the report said greenhouse gas emis-

sions created by human industry was the likely culprit behind rising temperatures, warming oceans, and rising sea levels.

Its author Will Steffen said while the report had been reviewed by climate scientists from Australian science body the CSIRO, the Bureau of Meteorology and academics, some judgments, including on sea levels, were his own.

"I expect the magnitude of global average sea-level rise in 2100 compared to 1990 to be in the range of 0.5 to 1.0

metre," Steffen said in his preface to "The Critical Decade".

He said while this assessment was higher than that of the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change in 2007, which was under 0.8m, it was not inconsistent with the UN body which had said higher values were possible.

"In part we have some very good information about the Greenland icesheet. We know it's losing mass and we know it's losing mass at an increasing rate, Steffen told reporters.

"So that's telling us that we need to extend that upper range a bit towards a metre. Now there are commentators who say it should be even higher than that."

The report said a sea-level rise of 0.5m would lead to surprisingly large impacts, with the risk of extreme events such as inundations in coastal areas around Australia's largest cities of Sydney and Melbourne hugely increased.

Cultured people happier, less stressed: study



PARIS (AFP) - People who go to museums and concerts or create art or play an instrument are more satisfied with their lives, regardless of how educated or rich they are, according to a study released this week.

But the link between culture and feeling good about oneself is not quite the same in both sexes, according to the study, published in the British Medical Association's Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

For men, passive activities such as taking in a concert or museum exhibition are associated with an upbeat mood and better health, it found.

For women, though, the link is active, in that they were less likely to feel anxious, depressed or feel unwell if they played music or created art.

Researchers led by Koenraad Cuypers of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology analysed information culled from 50,797 adults living in Norway's Nord-Trøndelag County.

The participants were asked detailed questions about their leisure habits and how they perceived their own

state of health, satisfaction with life and levels of depression and anxiety.

The results were unambiguous and somewhat unexpected: not only was the correlation strong between cultural activities and happiness, but men felt better when they were spectators while women clearly preferred doing rather than watching.

Even more surprising was that wealth and education were not an issue.

"After adjusting for relevant confounding factors" -- including socio-economic status -- "it seemed that cultural participation was independently associated with good health, a low depression score and satisfaction with life dependent on gender," the study said.

"The results indicate that the use of cultural activities in health promotion and healthcare may be justified," it concluded.

Questions remain, though, about cause and effect: are people healthier and happier because they are cultured -- or do they seek out more culture because they feel good to begin with?



FRANCE, La Ciotat : Picture of the new multihull of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, a direct action group devoted to marine conservation taken this week in La Ciotat, south eastern France, after its inauguration. This new ship was named after French screen legend and animal rights activist Brigitte Bardot. AFP PHOTO

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Health & Living

Common drug combo spikes blood sugar: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) – An anti-depressant and a cholesterol lowering drug, taken together by as many as one million people, may cause a spike in blood sugar levels, researchers said Wednesday.

Paxil and the anti-cholesterol drug Pravachol do not have this effect when taken independently, said researchers at the Stanford University School of Medicine, Vanderbilt University and Harvard Medical School.

While none of the patients taking the combination reported having hyperglycemia as a result, researchers found 135 patients who did not have diabetes showed an average increase of 19 milligrams per deciliter in blood glucose after starting treatment.

Among 14 people with di-

abetes, the effect was greater - 48 mg/dl after the drug combo was begun.



The blood sugar spikes were significant enough to possibly push a person who is pre-diabetic into full blown diabetes, and to put diabetic patients' health in danger, said the study.

Then researchers tested the drug combination in laboratory mice who were first fed a high-fat, high-calorie diet which would put them in a state considered pre-diabetic

and insulin resistant.

When these pre-diabetic mice were treated with the two drugs for three weeks, their blood glucose soared from about 128 mg/dl to 193 mg/dl. Neither drug alone has such an effect.

"Understanding and mitigating the effect this pair of medications has on blood sugar could allow a person with diabetes to better control his or her glucose levels, or even prevent someone who is pre-diabetic from crossing that threshold into full-blown diabetes," said Altman.

Paxil is also known by its generic name, paroxetine, and Pravachol is pravastatin.

The drugs do not currently carry warning against combinations that may increase blood sugar.

What's a good way to gain weight if you're underweight?

Trying to gain weight can be as hard as trying to lose weight. You can gain weight in a healthy way through diet and exercise changes. Also, consult your doctor if you want to gain weight because of a medical reason.

Here are some healthy ways to add extra calories to your daily diet:

-Eat more frequently. Eat five to six small meals throughout the day rather than two or three large meals. Eat nutrient-rich foods.

-Watch what you drink. Don't fill up on diet soda, coffee, tea and other drinks with few calories and little nutritional value. Instead, drink smoothies or healthy shakes made with milk and fresh or



frozen juice and sprinkle in some ground flaxseed.

-Add in calorie-dense snacks. Choose calorie-dense foods, such as nuts, peanut butter, cheese, dried fruits and av-

ocados.

-Also, have a bedtime snack, such as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a wrap sandwich with avocado, sliced vegetables and meat or cheese. Mix it up.

-Add cheese to casseroles, soups and scrambled eggs; nonfat dried milk to stews; and chicken to soups.

-Have a sweet treat. But be sure to select sweets that also provide nutrients, such as bran muffins, yogurt, fruit pies and granola bars.

-Also consider exercise. Exercise, especially strength training, can also help you gain weight by building up your muscles and adding more "bulk" to your body. It may also stimulate your appetite.

Groups sue US over antibiotics in farm feed



Hogs are raised on farm in Iowa

NEW YORK (AFP) – A coalition of consumer groups filed a federal lawsuit against the US Food and Drug Administration over the use of human antibiotics in animal feed, saying it creates dangerous superbugs.

The suit alleges that the regulatory agency concluded in 1977 that the practice of feeding healthy animals low doses of penicillin and tetracycline could lead to the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in people.

"However, despite this conclusion and laws requiring that the agency act on its findings, FDA failed to take any action to protect human health," the groups said in a statement.

The lawsuit aims to "compel FDA to take action on the agency's own safety findings, withdrawing approval for most non-therapeutic uses of penicillin and tetracyclines in animal feed."

Groups included in the filing include the Natural Resources Defense Council, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Food Animal Concerns Trust, Public Citizen,

and Union of Concerned Scientists.

The drugs are added to feed or mixed into water given to cows, turkeys, chickens, pigs and other livestock.

However, they are administered at such low levels that they do not treat disease, but leave surviving bacteria stronger and more able to resist them.

"Accumulating evidence shows that antibiotics are becoming less effective, while our grocery store meat is increasingly laden with drug-resistant bacteria," said Peter Lehner, NRDC executive director.

FDA did not immediately respond to an AFP request for comment.

Last year, the FDA authorities pressed farmers to give fewer antibiotics to livestock and poultry to reduce the risk of potentially harmful resistance to antimicrobial drugs.

Yet FDA officials stressed the drugs could play a key role when used properly.



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Soul Beach Tickets were sold at reduced price!

SAN NICOLAS -- This year again there is a VIP section at the Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival.

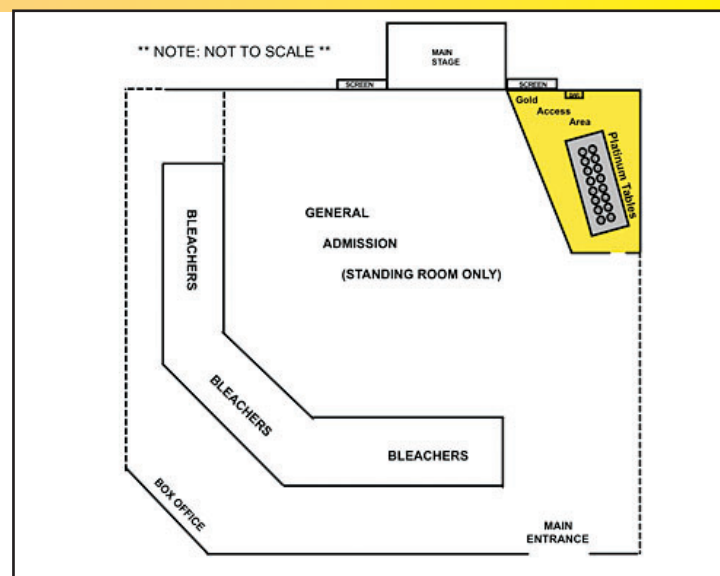
Aruba Tourism Authority along with other partners is hosting this annual event for the 11th year. MLN Management directed by Mark Adkins is the producer of the

gala event.

This year the "line up" is high caliber with Grammy Award winning artists like Jennifer Hudson, Christie Michelle and "Heads of State." This year's line up will delight everyone and excite all music lovers. Those who love R&B will get their

gusto, Hip Hop lovers too and Soul and Balada there will be plenty for those who love these genres of music.

The event will be a 5 night festivity which began May 25th and will carry on to May 30th with activities during the day and at night for both locals and our visitors. The 5



days of activities will include "beach parties," concerts and after concert parties at Nikki Beach.

The comedy night will be held in the Aruba Entertainment Center with an "All Star Comedy Jam." Renowned comedians like Corey Holcomb, David Arnold and Mark Curry will do their thing. Mark Curry will be the host for the comedy night as well as for the concert nights.

Soul Beach is also going to San Nicolas with a VIP section! Two concert nights are planned for San Nicolas. On Saturday Basic One of Aruba will perform as well as Chrisette Michel, "Heads of State," Bobby Brown, Johnny Gill and Ralph Tresvant.

Sunday evening the concert opens with local band Tsunami followed by Blackplanet.com contest winner, and Jennifer Hudson.

There will be a VIP Gold access and a Platinum seating. Those who already hold a general entrance ticket have the option of moving up to the Gold Access section. This is a designated section up front to the left of the stage with a standing capacity of 300 persons. The area has general admission seating enough for about 75% of its capacity and it has its own dedicated bar. But, again, most people tend to stand, even in this area. One needs to simply purchase a wristband for \$30 as an addition to the general entrance ticket. This wristband can be purchased either at the gate on the nights of the concerts or online at boxoffice@soulbeach.net.

The Platinum Seating section offers 16 tables of 10 seats and has a fee of \$500 per table per night each (not including concert tickets). This service includes table

service and private waiters and a bar. Tickets for the \$500 tables can also be purchased at the gate or online.

The specially reduced general entrance ticket sale was continued through to yesterday, Thursday 26th of May. This means that many had the opportunity to purchase tickets at the reduced price of Afls.56 per person per night. Tickets are available at: Moomba Beach, - Mambo Jambo, -Nikki Beach, -Valero Gas Station, - Dragon CD & Electronics, - and De Palm Tours for those who may need tickets for tonight and remaining concert nights.

As of Today, Friday and onward the ticket price will be the normal price of Afls.126 or \$72 per person per night. This year again, Soul Music Beach Festival is proud to have various local and international sponsors, such as: Aruba Tourism Authority (main sponsor), - Blackplanet.com, -JetBlue Airways. Local Sponsors: AHATA, -SETAR, -De Palm Tours, -Economy Car Rental, -Coca Cola, -Insel Air, -Hennessy, -Heineken and Belverde.

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Included is a diagram of the stadium below. Please note that the drawing is NOT TO SCALE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
(Subject to change without notice)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

OPENING PARTY / WELCOME CELEBRATION
10pm - 3am
7 West (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ "General Lee"

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
WHUR: MIDDAY W/ TRISCINA GREY
10am - 2pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*
BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

NIGHTCLUB PARTIES
11pm - 3am
Hardrock Café (Palm Beach)
Featuring DJ "General Lee"

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP
9am - 10am
Westin Hotel Poolside (Palm Beach)

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
WHUR: MIDDAY W/ TRISCINA GREY
10am - 2pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
DOUG & DEDE SHOW
3pm - 7pm
Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino (Oranjestad)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*
BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
CASINO HAPPY HOUR
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Renaissance Aruba Resort, Crystal Casino (Oranjestad)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

COMEDY CONCERT
7pm - 11pm
Entertainment Center (Oranjestad)
SHAQUILLE O'NEAL'S ALL STAR COMEDY JAM
Hosted by: MARK CURRY
COREY HOLCOMB
DAVID ARNOLD

NIGHTCLUB PARTIES
11pm - 3am
Nikki Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ "Bobby Love"

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP
9am - 10am
Westin Hotel Poolside (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*
BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm - 11pm
Joe Laveist Stadium (San Nicholas)
Hosted by: MARK CURRY
HEADS OF STATE (Bobby Brown, Ralph Tresvant & Johnny Gill)
CHRISSETTE MICHELE
BASIC 1

NIGHTCLUB PARTIES
11pm - 3am
Nikki Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ "Frank Ski"

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*
BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

MAIN STAGE CONCERT
7pm - 11pm
Joe Laveist Stadium (San Nicholas)
Hosted by: MARK CURRY
JENNIFER HUDSON
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11th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival Rocks Pure Heat!

ORANJESTAD -- Opening night of the 11th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival is always a phenomenal and colorful scene and this year's special guest host, Mark Curry, brings his flavor and transmissible energy to three nights of main stage concerts. Mark is best known for his starring role in the ABC sitcom "Hangin' with Mr. Cooper," along with countless other television & film credits. His own stand-up comedy special for Comedy Central unveils his undeniable humor and keen sense of improvisational timing.

**FRIDAY, MAY 27TH -
"Shaquille O'Neal
All Star Comedy Jam"
at the Aruba
Entertainment Center**



Corey Holcomb

Corey Holcomb: He is an American stand-up comedian, radio host and actor. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Holcomb got his start in comedy with the help of another Chicago-area comedian, Godfrey. Holcomb's stand-up material revolves around relationships, particularly relationships gone wrong. In addition to touring the country, he has appeared as a regular on the stand-up/improve-based television shows, "Comic View", "Def Comedy Jam", "Last Comic



David Arnold

Standing", and has served as a radio host on Jamie Foxx's Foxxhole Radio channel on XM/Sirius Satellite Radio.

David Arnold: David is easily considered one of the funniest comedians to take the stage. He's appeared on HBO, BET, and Comedy Central. While David continues to set the bar pretty high, he has released yet another self-produced DVD entitled "I've Never Heard of You Either!". Many may remember his last comedy DVD, "The Next Level Comedy Series - Light Skin - Dark Skin" with fellow funny man Rodney Perry of the Mo'Nique Show, which proved to be a success. Arnold also teamed up with seasoned writer Anthony Hill (Eve, Brothers, The Parenthood, Meet the Browns) and created a sitcom pilot series "Life with Dave" based on his internet vlogs and his stand-up.

The 11th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival is poised to kick-off tomorrow in Aruba's epicenter of "all

things soulful," Joe Laveist Stadium in San Nicolas.

"We're glad you're here to celebrate the Soul Beach Music Festival with us. We're proud of the artists we're hosting this year and count on a smooth execution of all the concerts and events by the Soul Beach Festival organizers. This year we're also hosting our first international Aruba In Style fashion event November 3-6 with big name celebrities, designers and models; our second Aruba International Film Festival June 10-16; our 25th anniversary of Hi Winds windsurfing competition with professionals and amateurs; and a number of exhibitions and events in the area of arts and culture," said the Minister of Tourism, Transportation and Labor, Otmar E. Oduber. "Take some time to savor the cuisine, experience our art and cultural happenings and other activities and please don't return home without taking a stroll on Aruba's powdery white beach and a swim in our refreshing ocean. Enjoy the concerts under the starry skies at the Joe Laveist Sports Park in San Nicolas, where Caribbean cultures meet and music is an expression of everyday life."



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Flamingos on Aruba



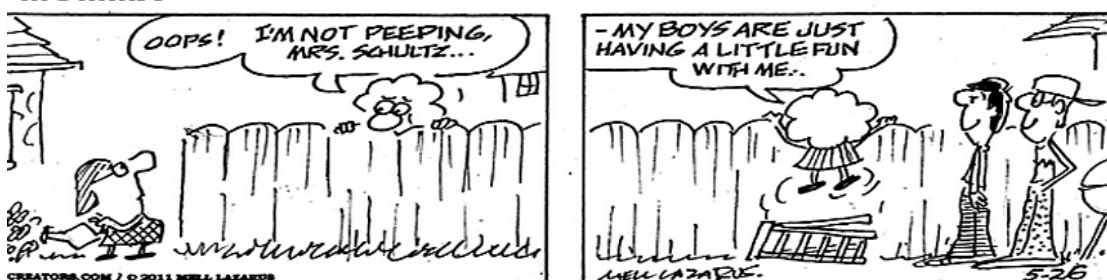
Our feathered friends aren't the only beauties on the beach. These Flamingos' were spotted on the Kukoo Kunuku Party bus!!! Last Saturday the Flamingos spent one last girls night out and were joined by new Kukoo friends. Everyone enjoyed sipping champagne and toasting to a stunning Aruba sunset. The party continued with dinner and dancing until the stroke of midnight.

COMICS

PICKLES



MOMMA



CALVIN and HOBBS



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Chewbacca pal Solo
4. Professors' aides (abbr.)
7. Express displeasure
11. Large continent
13. Tear apart
14. Breaks a fast
15. Rich blue precious stone
17. Medical subj.
18. "___ a Camera" (2 wds.)
19. Lifesaving skill (abbr.)
21. Fibber
23. British bowling ball
27. Nino's mom
28. Spanish cheer
29. Judge Bean
30. Just
31. Wind dir.
32. Actress Teri
33. Expert aviator
34. Field
35. Slide along
36. More irritable
38. Spoils
39. Ancient
40. Berlin's country (abbr.)
41. Actress Drescher
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51. "Rule Britannia" composer
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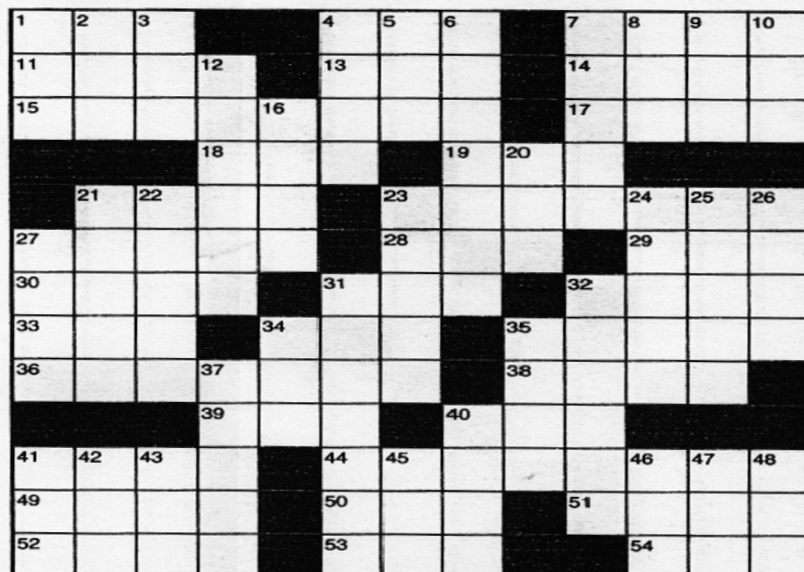
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8. Author Fleming
9. Train depot (abbr.)
10. Former fast jet (abbr.)
12. Honey factory
16. Rabbit's cousin
20. Humble ___
21. Long spear
22. Loafs
23. Sub detector
24. Quality
25. The ___ Prayer
26. Jane of an 1847 novel
27. Protective ditch
31. Requiring
32. Archie Bunker's daughter
34. Diamond woman
35. "Dharma & ___"
37. The Lone Ranger's friend
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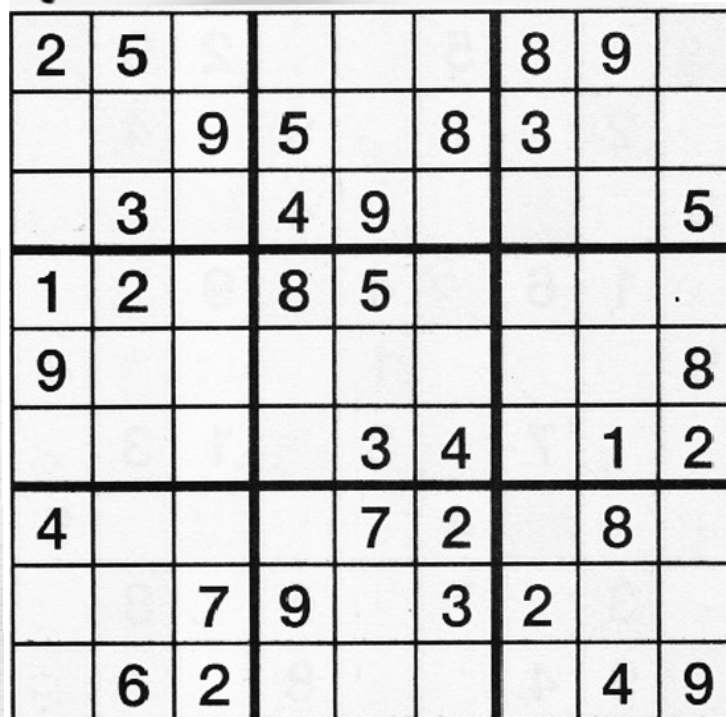
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Higher food, oil prices weigh on US economy



WASHINGTON, (AFP) - New data released this week suggested the US economy remains deep in the doldrums, frustrating Washington's efforts to kick-start industry and create jobs two years after the last recession ended.

Higher oil prices and rising costs for food appear to have retarded what was expected to be growing momentum in the country's private sector that would pick up the slack while federal and local governments slash spending.

Economists have cut forecasts for economic growth in the second quarter following the dismal 1.8 percent pace in the first, with indicators of industrial production, consumer spending and unemployment all appearing soft.

Consultancy Macroeconomic Advisers lowered its gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for the April-June period to 2.8 percent on Wednesday, from 3.5 percent just two weeks earlier, after seeing a sharp decline in orders for manufactured durable goods in April -- an indicator of how the industrial sector is doing.

The Commerce Department reported overall orders

fell 3.6 percent from the previous month.

And excluding volatile orders for aircraft and other transportation equipment, orders were still down 1.5 percent -- showing US manufacturers are selling less.

Labor Department numbers released Thursday showed that weekly new claims for unemployment insurance -- a sign of the pace of layoffs -- remained over 400,000 for the seventh week in a row, after a drop below that level for several weeks in February and March appeared to signal an improving jobs market.

The Commerce Department meanwhile confirmed its earlier estimate that the economy only grew at a slow 1.8 percent annual rate in the first quarter, when economists had expected a higher figure.

Notable in the latest data was that consumer spending had been lower than originally understood -- a sign, analysts said, that high oil and food commodity prices were hitting shoppers' budgets for other things.

Commenting on the first-quarter GDP figure, Michael Gapen of Barclays Capital said the lower consumption suggested that "the surge in

headline inflation from higher food and energy prices... cut into real spending more than originally estimated."

For two months the rise in the data on new jobless claims had been explained by statistical, seasonal or weather peculiarities.

But Thursday's number of 424,000 new claims -- up from 414,000 the previous week -- came with no such explanation, and the trend was hard to deny.

The 9.0 percent jobless rate has bedeviled the White House, which has tried to keep government spending up, interest rates low, and the dollar competitive to stimulate business and industry in hopes they will start hiring.

Asked by a magazine for seniors what he would like for his 50th birthday on August 4, President Barack Obama replied: "A much lower unemployment rate. And lower gas prices. Those would be perfect gifts."



CAEN, France : Dozens of anti-G8 protesters march behind a banner reading "Social justice, G8 get out" during a demonstration in Caen on May 26, 2011, during the G8 summit held in Deauville. AFP PHOTO



NEW YORK, U.S. : Former IMF head Dominique Strauss-Khan (C) leaves his temporary house under guard in New York. A New York judge on this week approved a new location in Manhattan where Strauss-Kahn will wait under house arrest for his trial on sex assault charges, a court spokesman said. AFP PHOTO

Ex-Nasdaq official admits insider trading

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - A former Nasdaq managing director on Thursday pleaded guilty to insider trading that netted him more than \$755,000 in illicit profits over a three-year period, US authorities said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission charged Donald Johnson with "with insider trading on confidential information that he stole while working in a market intelligence unit that communicates with companies in advance of market-moving public announcements."

Authorities accused Johnson of trading through his wife's securities account on advance information of corporate leadership changes, earnings reports and forecasts, and regulatory approvals of new pharmaceutical products.

Johnson, 56, pleaded guilty before a US federal judge in

Virginia, the US Justice Department said in a separate statement.

Johnson had been a managing director on the tech-rich Nasdaq's market intelligence desk in New York during the period.

According to authorities, Johnson frequently placed the illegal trades directly from his work computer through an online brokerage account in the name of his wife, Dalila Lopez.

Johnson is scheduled to be sentenced on August 12. He faces a maximum penalty for securities fraud of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$5 million.

The SEC said it was seeking repayment of the illicit profits with interest and a monetary penalty, but did not provide a figure.

Johnson admitted he made the illegal trades on at least eight different occasions, the

department said.

The companies whose securities he traded illegally were Central Garden and Pet Co.; Digene Corporation; Idexx Laboratories Inc.; Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc.; and United Therapeutics Corporation.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management de-

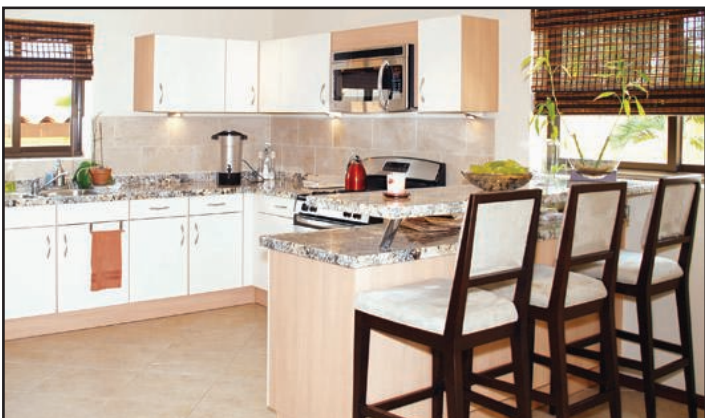


the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an



immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality

partment.

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Popular Pizza Bob's is perfect for casual dining



A popular hangout with Eagle Beach temporary residents



Swedish sisters Sharla and Carolina are huge fans of Pizza Bob's

Everyone has those nights when they want an easy, casual meal, and among denizens of the Eagle Beach area, their favorite place for fun food and friendly surroundings is Pizza Bob's, right next to the Bucuti Beach resort parking lot.

Maitre D' Alex adores welcoming his abundant repeat clientele, being five minutes walk from most of Aruba's timeshares has made the place a prime eatery among families with healthy appetites. Their pizza is modeled on the classic thin crust typical of Chicago's Southside, and the secret recipe of a famous pizzeria since 1957, which we dare not name as we might get whacked!

While checking out the locale, Alex introduced us to Sharla and Caroline from Sweden, frequent visitors to Aruba who can't imagine a vacation without several dinner stops at Pizza Bob's. This was the general consensus of all the guests who we spoke with during our time there; all make it a multiple meal choice during their vacation. "I have one couple from Germany who eat here every night of their vacation," confessed Alex, "they are

like family to us!"

Aside from the famous pizzas, the menu features very tasty barbecue, a personal favorite of Caroline, lasagna, Fresh Vegetable Linguini and huge salads that can be shared by two, plus a personal favorite for dessert, "Death by Chocolate." They do sport an air-conditioned dining room, which is popular at lunch time to escape the tropical mid-day sun, but nighttime is the right time to enjoy their outdoor terrace and great music from noted island singer Tommy every Wednesday and Saturday night, which converts the eatery into a congenial hangout until closing time.

If you love your pizza and island ambiance, Pizza Bob's is the perfect place for a fun night. Open for lunch and dinner every day from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and they deliver to all the resorts in the Eagle Beach area. Call 588 9040 ext. 790 for delivery or to pre-order. They also feature a daily happy hour from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. when you can enjoy a large size pizza for the price of a medium and drinks are 2-for-1; what a deal!



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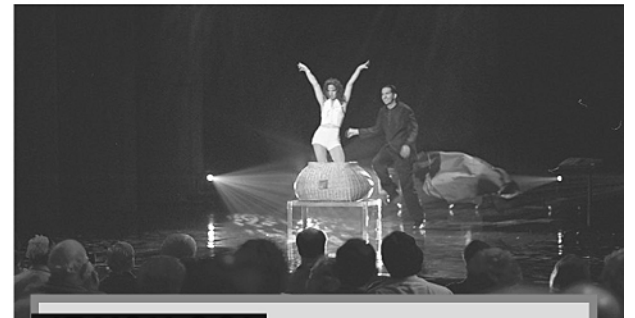
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Briton finds 29,000 euros in case, hands in to police



A British woman living on the Greek island of Corfu found and returned a lost briefcase containing over 29,000 euros

CORFU, Greece (AFP) — A British woman living on the Greek island of Corfu on Wednesday found and returned a lost briefcase containing the equivalent of over 29,000 euros, local police said.

The 59-year-old, who was not identified, came upon the briefcase on the roadside after shopping at a supermarket a few kilometres (miles) from the island's main town of

Kerkyra, the police said.

It contained 27,000 euros, nearly 2,000 pounds sterling (2,200 euros), a passport, a bank deposit book and a cellphone.

This enabled the authorities to alert the owner, a company employee, who said the money was intended for staff salaries.

It was not immediately clear if the woman was offered a finder's fee.

Police shut down prison bar in Mexico

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AFP) — Mexican police have dismantled a fully-stocked bar -- complete with two billiards tables -- that had been operating inside a jail.

Authorities announced that they had seized some 200 bottles of beer, 12 bottles of tequila and 20 bottles of vodka, as well as firearms, marijuana and heroin from what they said was a low-security prison.

Carlos Gonzales, a spokesman for the northern Chihuahua state where the raid took place, did not provide details as to how the prisoners had concealed the watering hole from authorities.

But he said at least one prison administrator had been fired over the incident and may face charges.

Mexico's jails, which house some 222,000 prisoners, are notoriously overpopulated and often the scene of riots as well as mass breakouts, many of which are believed to be carried out with the help of corrupt guards.

Amazon offers Lady Gaga album again for 99 cents



US singer Lady Gaga is pictured in Cannes, on May 11.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Amazon is giving Lady Gaga fans another crack at her new album for 99 cents after suffering server meltdown the first time.

The Seattle, Washington-based online retail giant said "Born This Way" will be available through Amazon.com for the heavily discounted price.

Amazon offered Lady Gaga's new album for 99 cents on Monday but heavy demand overloaded its servers.

"We're doing it again, and

this time we're ready," Amazon's director of music, Craig Pape, said in a press release.

"Clearly customers are really excited for Lady Gaga's new album -- we saw extraordinary response to Monday's promotion -- far above what we expected -- she definitely melted some servers," Pape said.

Amazon is also offering purchasers of the album 20 gigabytes of free storage on its Cloud Drive service.

Making Lady Gaga's latest album available at less than a tenth of its price at Apple's iTunes is intended to harden Cloud Drive's position ahead of the expected debut of a similar Web-hosted music service by Apple.

Amazon launched Cloud Drive in March. It allows users to store music on the company's computers and then listen to it on various Internet-linked devices.

"Born This Way" was the top-selling album on iTunes where it is selling for \$15.99.

Clijsters crashes, Sharapova escapes teen scare at French Open



Netherlands' Arantxa Rus (R) and Belgium's Kim Clijsters walk off the court after Rus won during their Women's second round match in the French Open

PARIS, France (AFP) – Kim Clijsters crashed out of Roland Garros on Thursday, her worst Grand Slam result in nine years, while Maria Sharapova escaped humiliation at the hands of a fearless 17-year-old French girl.

Second seed Clijsters let slip a set and a 5-2 lead, and squandered two match points, to slump to a stunning 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 second round defeat to Dutchwoman Arantxa Rus, the world number 114.

Seventh seed Sharapova came back from a set and 1-4 down to win 11 games in succession to defeat world number 188 Caroline Garcia, playing in only her second tour level tournament, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

The slender 1.80m Rus, named in honour of Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, the triple Roland Garros champion, said: "It was my biggest win. Kim is my hero. I played fantastic tennis."

Rus is the first Dutchwoman to make the third round of a Grand Slam since Michaela Kracicjek at Wimbledon in 2007 and next faces Russia's Maria Kirilenko for a place in the last 16.

Sharapova, the former world number one and triple Grand Slam title winner, looked set to follow Clijsters out of the tournament.

But the Russian superstar summoned her famed fighting spirit to set-up a clash against Taiwan's Chan Yung-Jan for a place in the last 16 after a bruising experience.

"It's never over until it's over. No matter what situation you are in, you have to keep fighting," said Sharapova, who had been scheduled to face Clijsters in the last eight.

It had been a clinical performance by Garcia, whose 57,000-dollar career earnings pale compared to Sharapova's on-court riches of almost 15

million as she dominated the first half of the tie.

Garcia, the daughter of a Lyon estate agent, didn't lack confidence having gone into the match against the sport's biggest drawcard confidently backing herself to be number one in the world in the not too distant future.

She regularly found the corners and lines of the famous old court with surgical precision, leaving Sharapova heavy-footed and struggling to find her usual clinical, power game.

Posey to miss remainder of season



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, a hero of the Giants' World Series championship run last year, will miss the rest of the Major League Baseball season after suffering a broken left ankle.

Posey suffered the injury when he was struck at home plate by Florida's Scott Cousins, who scored the tie-breaking run in the 12th inning of a 7-6 Marlins victory on Wednesday night.

"Right now, we're just trying to get over the shock of this a little. It's a tough blow," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "He was a big reason we won the World Series last year. It's rare to have a catcher who's

After wrapping up the first set, she was soon 4-1 ahead in the second and sensing a famous triumph.

But Sharapova, who has never reached a Paris final, was not going quietly and pulled level at 4-4.

Then a crucial over-rule in her favour at 30-30 in the next game swung the tie firmly in her favour and she did not look back as she romped to victory against a visibly tiring Garcia.

Also making the last 32 were fourth seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus who eased past France's Pauline Parmentier 6-0, 6-1 and Chinese sixth seed Li Na who saw off Spanish qualifier Silvia Soler-Espinosa 6-4, 7-5.

Australian runner-up Li will face Sorana Cirstea for a place in the last 16 after the Romanian, a quarter-finalist in 2009, defeated 27th-seeded compatriot Alexandra Dulgheru 6-2, 7-5.

Tournament darkhorse Petra Kvitova, the ninth-seeded Czech, who won the Madrid Masters title earlier this month, beat Zheng Jie 6-4, 6-1.

also your (top) hitter."

Giants telecasters Comcast SportsNet, citing an unnamed source, said X-rays after the game confirmed the break and an MRI on Thursday would show the extent of ligament damage.

The collision's impact on the reigning champions was confirmed in a Twitter posting Thursday morning by Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval, who is sidelined for another two weeks with a broken bone in his right hand.

The Giants, who lead the National League West division, placed Posey on the disabled list pending MRI results.

Posey, 24, won the National League's Rookie of the Year award last season and batted fourth in the lineup for the Giants.

Posey's skills at calling pitches in tandem with San Francisco's formidable pitching lineup also played a major role in the team's first World Series crown since 1954, four years before they moved from New York to San Francisco.



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Wins for Nadal, Murray, Soderling at French Open

PARIS, France (AFP) – On a day when swirling winds sent the red dirt flying at Roland Garros, top seed Rafael Nadal, the man he beat in last year's final, Robin Soderling, and Andy Murray all said they were happy to win through to the French Open third round despite not playing at their best.

Soderling was first up and although he came through relatively easily 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 against Spanish qualifier Albert Ramos, he admitted that it had been tough to play his best tennis.

In the first round it was giant American John Isner who led Nadal by two sets to one before losing in five and this time it was 48-ranked compatriot Pablo Andujar who gave him a tough workout before losing 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (7/4).

In particular Andujar exposed the weaknesses in Nadal's serve that have been in evidence during his four losses this year to Novak Djokovic.

He had a total of 16 break points in the three sets and was able to break the Nadal serve five times.

Fortunately for the defending champion, he was able to attack his opponent's serve and broke seven times to chalk up his 40th win against

one loss at Roland Garros since he first played in 2005.

Andujar will especially regret the nine set points he failed to convert in the third set allowing Nadal to claw his way back from 1-5 down to win 7/4 in a tie-break.

Among those also through in the top half of the draw were Croatian veteran Ivan Ljubicic, who beat Sam Querrey of the United States 7-6 (7/2), 6-4, 6-4, Spain's Fernando Verdasco, who ousted Xavier Malisse of Belgium 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 and Alejandro Falla of Colombia, who defeated Florian Mayer of Germany 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-1, 6-2.

Mardy Fish meanwhile kept the American flag flying, just, with a 7-6 (7/1), 6-2, 6-1 win over Robin Haase of the Netherlands. He is the sole American survivor into the third round.

Seeded 10th, and the top-ranking American ahead of close friend Andy Roddick, Fish is into the third round here for the first time at his sixth attempt and having reached his goal, believes there could be more to come.

"Sure it was a goal, but it was a pretty light goal," he said.

"I want to go further than the third round obviously."



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Upstart Tagliani the man to catch at Indy

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Pole-sitter Alex Tagliani will try to complete a month of domination of IndyCar's most successful teams with a victory in Sunday's 100th anniversary running of the Indianapolis 500.

The Canadian driver pulled together his own team before the season and has pulled off a shocker by leading practice and time trials over the multi-car lineups of veteran Indy owners Michael Andretti, Roger Penske and Chip Ganassi.

Tagliani will start on the inside of the front row when a field of 33 takes the green flag at mid-day to begin 200 laps on the famed 2 1/2-mile (4km) oval where Ray Harroun won a century ago in the Marmon Wasp after starting 28th.

Penske and Ganassi drivers have won eight of the past



Pole winner Alex Tagliani (C) poses with 2nd place qualifier Scott Dixon (L) and 3rd place qualifier Oriol Servia during qualifying

11 Indy 500 titles but Tagliani is ready to upset the establishment for IndyCar's greatest prize.

"I'm getting tired of the Penske and Ganassi domination, here especially at the 500," Tagliani said. "I think a lot of people are craving for it and, if we can do it."

Defending Indy 500 and IndyCar series champion

Dario Franchitti of Scotland will start ninth while his Ganassi Racing teammate, New Zealand's Scott Dixon, will start alongside Tagliani in row one after both were thwarted by a team blunder in pole qualifying.

Penske racing had its share of troubles in time trials but Australian Will Power, the points leader in a season of all

road courses so far, will start from the middle of row two.

Brazil's Helio Castroneves will start from the inside of row six while Aussie teammate Ryan Briscoe starts in the middle of row nine after being unable to crack the lineup on day one of qualifying.

Andretti put only four of his five entries into the field, England's Mike Conway being bumped out, as each car struggled to reach competitive speed, his cousin John Andretti's one-off ride starting best in the center of the field.

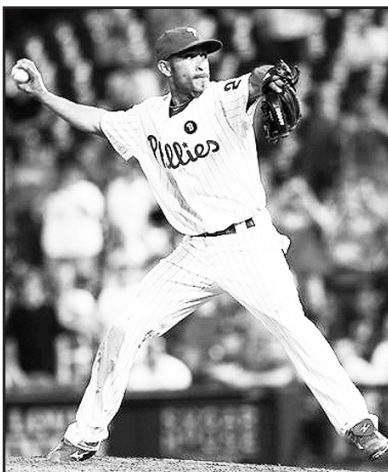
Americans Marco Andretti and teammate Danica Patrick flank Briscoe in row nine and figure to charge to the front

along with him once the racing settles into form after barely finding their way into the field last weekend.

Other unlikely heroes starting near the front include Spain's Oriol Servia on the outside of row one, Tagliani's US teammate Townsend Bell on the inside of row two, England's Dan Wheldon on the outside of row two and Japan's Takuma Sato on the inside of the fourth row.

Four women will attempt to become the first female Indy 500 winner, including Patrick, Swiss racer Simona de Silvestro starting in the middle of row eight and last-row starters Pippa Mann of England and Brazil's Ana Beatriz.

Oh what a relief: fielder gets 19-inning win



PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (AFP) - Philadelphia second baseman Wilson Valdez made his pitching debut one for the ages, hurling a scoreless 19th inning Thursday morning to help the Phillies beat Cincinnati 5-4.

Valdez became the first starting fielder since Babe Ruth in 1921 to become the

winning pitcher in the same Major League Baseball game. No fielder had been called upon as a pitcher and won since Colorado's Brent Mayne in 2000.

The oddity came after the Phillies and Reds battled deadlocked into the 19th inning and Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel replaced Danys Baez after five innings of relief but didn't want to further deplete his bullpen reserve staff.

Valdez, 33, who had never pitched as a professional, threw 10 pitches to keep the Reds scoreless and Philadelphia's Raul Ibanez ended the game after six hours and 11 minutes with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly at 1:19 in the morning.

Valdez even had the audacity to shake off a signal from

Phillies catcher Dane Sardinha when reigning National League Most Valuable Player Joey Votto was at bat for the Reds, prompting Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard to cover his mouth with his glove to hide his smile.

"I was like, 'What is he about to throw? What does he have?'" Howard said. "He threw him a sinker in and I was like, OK. It was funny but he got it done."

The Phillies were two innings shy of their longest game, a 2-1 loss to the Chicago Cubs in 1918. The Reds' longest game was also 21 innings, a 1-0 loss to San Francisco in 1967.

Something else was even tougher The teams had an afternoon game booked for Thursday with the first pitch less than 12 hours after the end of the marathon Phillies' victory.

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Mavericks book NBA finals berth



Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Terry and the Dallas Mavericks celebrate their 100-96 victory against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Game Five of the Western Conference Finals

DALLAS, Texas (AFP) — The Dallas Mavericks punched their ticket to the NBA finals, staging another stirring late rally to beat Oklahoma City 100-96 and win the Western Conference crown.

With Wednesday's victory, the Mavericks completed a four-games-to-one win in the best-of-seven conference finals series.

They will play either Miami or Chicago for the NBA crown.

The Mavericks' German star Dirk Nowitzki scored a

go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:14 remaining and Shawn Marion followed with a three-point play off a steal as the Mavericks erased a six-point deficit with less than five minutes remaining.

Dallas closed the game on a 14-4 scoring run.

The comeback echoed their game-four rally, when they clawed back from 15 points down with five minutes left and won in overtime.

The Mavericks have not won an NBA title -- nor have any of their current players.

Nowitzki and Jason Terry

were part of the only Dallas team to reach the championship series, in 2006. They led Miami 2-0 in that series, but ended up losing to the Heat in six games.

"All I can tell everybody is, we ain't done yet," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban told the ecstatic crowd as his team were presented with the Western Conference championship trophy.

Nowitzki, who suffered through the string of early playoff exits that followed that missed opportunity in 2006, wasn't yet celebrating too hard.

"We've got one of those trophies already," Nowitzki said of the Western Conference hardware. "This is nice for a day, but we set our goals in October to win it all. We haven't done it yet."

"It feels good to finally go back (to the finals)," added Nowitzki, who averaged 32.2 points per game in the series against the Thunder, 11.8 points in the fourth quarters. "This time, hopefully we can finish the job."

Nowitzki and Marion scored 26 points apiece, and both delivered when it counted in the fourth quarter.

Nowitzki scored nine in the final period, and Marion had 15. J.J. Barea added 14 off the bench, Terry scored 12 and Jason Kidd had 10 assists and seven rebounds.

The Thunder's Russell Westbrook scored 31 points as he battled to send the series back to Oklahoma City, but he also had two key late turnovers.

Kevin Durant and James Harden finished with 23 points apiece for Oklahoma City, who lost three games in a row for just the second time all season.

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Bolt storms to 100m win in track comeback

ROME (AFP) - The world's fastest man Usain Bolt was far from back to his best but he showed he's still the man to beat as he powered to victory in the 100m at the Rome Golden Gala on Thursday.

Racing for the first time in almost nine months Bolt finished in 9.91 seconds to edge out Jamaican compatriot Asafa Powell by two hundredths of a second.

French national record holder Christophe Lemaitre was third in 10sec flat as the sprinters benefited from a slight 0.6m per second tailwind.

But it was the world and

Olympic double sprint champion and world record holder over both 100m and 200m that the 47,000-strong crowd had come to watch and the ebullient Bolt did not disappoint.

However, he admitted that nerves had got to him, particularly after a poor start.

"It was not perfect but I'm very happy. It could have been better, but I'm now looking forward to my second race (of the season)," said Bolt.

"The important thing was that I got the win. It's good for confidence and the season."

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